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Former Public Services Director arrested for grand theft

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

Within the hour after being booked into the Palm Beach County Jail on Wednesday, Aug. 26, former Belle Glade Public Services Director Gene Simmons posted bail of \$3,000 and was back out.

Simmons was charged with official misconduct and grand theft after police searched his Wellington home and found a long list of items belonging to the City of Belle Glade.

Belle Glade Police and members of the State Attorney's Office have been investigating official misconduct by city employees since the beginning of August.

Simmons resigned from his job on Aug. 6, the same day former Sanitation Director Danny Perez was arrested for grand



Gene Simmons

theft for having city property and using it to profit in a private business. The business, T & R Trucking, listed former City Manager Lomax Harrelle as the registered agent and his wife, Susan as president and treasurer.

Perez's wife, Paula was listed as vice president and secretary of the company. Harrelle resigned the same day as Simmons. He has not been charged with wrongdoing.

Danny Perez was put on administrative leave and later fired. Paula Perez is still on paid administrative leave.

Simmons admitted to Police Chief Michael Miller on Aug. 5 he had stolen items from the city and four hundred dollars from petty cash.

He returned three metal tables, a wood-eater and a lawnmower that were at his Wellington home, but did not return a long list of other items belonging to the city which were found during last week's search.

Some of the 26 items recovered included two Stanley Bostich staple guns, a Dewalt belt sander, an air hose, shop vacuum, a grinder, two palm Sanders, a DeWalt cordless drill, air gauges and water filters for compressors, a 12-inch drill press, a 14-inch chop saw,

a nail gun, two grit grinding wheels, a 60 gallon compressor and four tool boxes.

When asked how a city employee could steal so much without officials being aware of the missing equipment, City Finance Director Dave Wood said

they are now trying to do a better job of keeping track of city property.

"Our policy is that the only

stuff we track is over \$500. Each department is supposed to have a system to keep track of what they order," said Mr. Wood.

"We are trying to improve our accounting system," he said.

Wood said any item over \$500 must get city commission approval before a purchase can be made.

Investigators finished going

through Wood's records this week, he said, and he gave them numerous documents.

Chief Miller, who has also

been named acting city manager until a new manager can be hired, said the investigation is continuing and more arrests may be made at a later date.

A meeting is planned for Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss recruitment of a new city manager.

Animal Rights Activists protest gator hunt practices

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

Protesting the annual alligator harvesting on Lake Okeechobee, a small group from the Animal Rights Foundation of Florida waved signs and marched at the Belle Glade Marina boat dock Tuesday night.

Animal rights spokesman

Nick Atwood of Lake Worth said they chose Belle Glade because it is one of just a few sites around the lake designated as official boat launch areas for the gator-harvest.

"We've been protesting this cruel practice since it started in 1988," said Mr. Atwood, "but this is our first time coming to Belle Glade."

The Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission regulates the hunts, says Lt. Rick Lyman, and 137 gators can be harvested in this first phase, Sept. 1-15 and 131 in the second harvest, which runs Sept. 16-30.

When asked what other alternatives he believes would work to keep down the overabundance of alligators, Mr. Atwood said all animal species will regulate themselves at a certain level if left alone.

"We object to the way the gators are caught. They hook them or harpoon them and sometimes it takes hours for them to get to them on the boat

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BOOT DRIVE FOR MDA... Belle Glade Firefighters spent time last Thursday and Friday outside the Winn Dixie and U-Save Supermarkets raising money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Longtime Glades resident Willie Mae Parrish is shown putting money in the boot of Lt. Doug Manger on Friday night in front of Winn Dixie. Firefighters hope to raise \$2,000 for MDA.

Laura Enfinger retires from Belle Glade Chamber - Goforth takes over

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

For six years Laura Mae Enfinger was the smiling face greeting visitors and residents across the counter at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce.

It was a job she loved. Meeting new people and visiting with the townsfolk was not a chore, but a pleasure for this petite woman who has lived in Belle Glade most of her life.

Chamber Executive Director Danielle Penuel said, "The chamber is going to greatly miss Laura Mae and we wish her the best."

Friday was Laura Mae's birthday and she felt it was a fitting day to say goodbye. She and her husband, Gene, both agreed Friday would be their last day at work.

Gene Enfinger has worked at PRIDE of Florida for 11 years. Friday evening the couple attended a retirement party in his honor.

Laura Mae says they plan to sit back and take life easy in retirement. They will do some fishing, visit their three grown children and grandchildren, and do some traveling.

"I hope the chamber can continue to grow and prosper. This is a great place to work. I wish Janise and Danielle the best and I'm going to miss all the wonderful people," she

said.

Taking her place at the chamber is Glades native Janise Goforth, who started Monday, Aug. 24.

Janise was born in Lake Harbor and graduated from Belle Glade High School.

She married a local man, George Goforth, and they have three children, Leatricia, Cheryl and Greg.

When her husband opened G & G Radiator in 1964, Janise went to work in the office, helping out in any way she was needed.

She said this will be the first time she and George haven't worked together in 34 years and it will be nice to come home and have different topics to discuss.

"I like to meet the public and I'm looking forward to this," she said. "So far, I love it."

"We are looking forward to working with Janise. It's going to be a fun year," said Danielle.

The chamber has a board of directors who give direction to the chamber.

The chamber is very involved in community activities, including sponsoring the Red Ribbon Campaign, participating in the Black Gold Jubilee, hosting the annual Christmas Parade down Main Street, sponsoring the Chamber Banquet in October, a Shop-at-Home Campaign, spearheading Leadership Glades, hosting the monthly Chamber Breakfast and participating in the Canal Hazard Safety Committee, which meets monthly to discuss road conditions and other business pertaining to the area.

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Community is invited to "Meet the Candidates" Candidates"

Several community-minded organizations are sponsoring a "Glades Area Meet the Candidates Forum" on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at the Belle Glade Elks Lodge #1716. The Elks Lodge is located at 300 Southeast Avenue E, Belle Glade.

All candidates involved in Glades area races will be invited to participate in the forum.

The forum is sponsored by the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce, Elks Lodge, The Port Committee, the Woman's Club, the Glades Area Branch of the NAACP, Belle Glade Civitans, Lions and Rotary Clubs, the Florida Sugar Cane League, Leadership

Glades Alumni, the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce and the Western Palm Beach County Farm Bureau.

Miracle Temple is hosting Southern Gospel.

Miracle Temple Ministries will be presenting Southern Gospel Music on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the church, Chrystal River and the Tomlin Family will be appearing.

Pastor Alvin Nichols invites everyone to come and enjoy southern gospel music at its best. The church is located at 104 S.W. 16th Street, Belle Glade.

Open house at Lake Shore

Open house will be held at Lake Shore Middle School on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 6 p.m. Parents are encouraged to attend and meet their child's teachers and the new assistant principals.

For further information, call 993-4046.

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before they kill them," he said. "We can't go out and kill every animal that poses a threat," said Mr. Atwood.

One member of the group was carrying a sign which read, "Harvest, the eggs, not the gators."

When asked if he had ever tried to take away the eggs of a mother gator, Mr. Atwood said, "No, but it has been done. You just have to wait until the mother gator isn't around."

Belle Glade native and hunter Bill Anderson watched the protest while leaning against his pickup truck Tuesday evening with friends. Mr. Anderson participated in the first alligator harvest in 1988 and again last year.

"They've been protected for too long," he said. "You bring your dog down to the lake and watch the gators try to catch your dog. They have no fear. During breeding season just try to fish on the lake. The gators will chase their top water plug. It's a good idea to thin the gator population out," he notes.

Mr. Lyman said the licensed hunters are allowed to take five alligators each out of the lake. "This is just another way to utilize the wildlife. It's a sport and it's not causing any problems. It's viewed as a renewable resource," he said.

Mr. Atwood said his group stays vigilant in many of the areas they feel animals are abused, including circuses, rodeos. Most of the members say they are vegetarians.

Time to celebrate - Bonnie missed us

By Mike Lyons
Jump for joy, sing Alleluia and give your significant other a big, wet smooch. We have reason to celebrate today.

Once again, luck and weak steering currents were on our side as another major hurricane - a lady named Bonnie - swept past our coastline.

At the same time, light a candle and say a prayer for the residents of North Carolina. Folks there have reason to be very nervous today because their run of bad luck continues.

It was two years ago that North Carolina was battered by not one, but two hurricanes.

In July of 1996, Hurricane Bertha struck the Tar Heel State with 105 mph winds. The storm caused \$270 million in damage and claimed 12 lives. Flooding and beach erosion was widespread.

Less than one month later, Hurricane Fran hit the state. Fran killed 27 people and caused over \$8 billion in damage, making it the third costliest hurricane in United States history.

All this hurricane activity is not unexpected because history tells us that late August, all of September and the first two weeks of October are the most active time of the hurricane season.



Mike Lyons

And the next six weeks, in particular, might be abnormally active. A few weeks ago the top tropical weather experts around the country got together to look at this year's hurricane season.

They didn't like what they saw. The consensus was ominous for the Gulf and Atlantic coasts of the United States. Look for an active period in the tropics.

The reason: something called La Niña. La Niña, the nickname for the cooler than normal equatorial waters of the Pacific, is the kid sister of the El Niño, the weather phenomena that made so much news last winter.

While the El Niño helped to suppress hurricane development in the Atlantic (there were only three hurricanes last year) the La Niña tends to encourage it.

hurricane activity.

Most experts believe a strong La Niña is already developing in the Pacific, and, if they are right, they next few weeks could be very active in the tropics.

The last time the tropics were under the influence of La Niña was 1995. That season of storms turned out to be the second most active hurricane season on record - 19 storms, 11 hurricanes and five major hurricanes.

It was also the year that Florida was struck by three hurricanes. Hurricane Allison hit the panhandle in June, Erin struck near Vero Beach in August and Opal hit the panhandle in October.

If the experts are right, Bonnie and Danielle might be the first two storms of an armada of tropical cyclones. Obviously, there isn't anything we can do about the storms except be prepared.

Today is a day to celebrate our continued luck with tropical weather. But the season is far from over.

After you light a candle for the residents of North Carolina, do me a favor and light one for us, too.

Mike Lyons is the chief weatherman at WPBF-TV

By Twila Valentine

In the 16th part of this series, we continue looking at the individual projects contained in this planning document, concentrating on the various projects associated with the water management district projects. These projects are included in the South Florida Water Management District's 1998 Land Acquisition and Management Plan.

It includes all the individual projects planned and which cover the district's 16-county area.

• Paradise Run

This project contains 4,265 acres which lies west of the channelized Kissimmee River in both Okeechobee and Glades counties. Paradise Run will not be re-banked by the backfilling of the canal as part of the Kissimmee River Restoration Projects. The property is currently controlled by the water levels in Lake Okeechobee. Remnant river oxbows are still present, although he surrounding land has been drained and is now improve pasture.

Paradise Run has degenerated because it receives no continuous surface water input to allow it to regenerate as a flowing riverine system. Runoff from adjacent lands is the primary source of water. Flap-gated structures in the levee can discharge water into Paradise Run when stages are high enough, but that does not occur on a regular basis. Paradise Run is physically separated from the Kissimmee River by a continuous spoil bank. Numerous wetlands still exist adjacent to the old river channel. Although these wetlands suffer from a lack of water, according to the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, Paradise Run still has high wildlife utilization in the form of waterfowl and wading birds.

Since water levels in Paradise Run will not be affected by the Kissimmee River Restoration, other structural methods will have to be employed to provide a continuous

flow of water to the reach. It appears that several engineering solutions exist. To date, time and funds have not been available to explore fully the various possibilities. Paradise Run suffers from lack of flow, resulting in stagnant conditions and low dissolved oxygen levels. Increased flows would

The original SOR legislation specified Nicodemus Slough for purchase because the land floods periodically under the higher regulation stages of Lake Okeechobee. The initial construction of new water control structures along the south and east boundaries and associated improvements to the canal and levee system, is intended to improve the retention and manipulation of flood waters on the property. One of the objectives for Nicodemus Slough is to restore the mix of community types that existed prior to human influences while providing flood control to adjacent land owners.

A series of proposed hydrologic improvements should increase the coverage of the open water slough and depression marsh and improve the quality of water being discharged in the canal and Lake Okeechobee, as well as increase the habitat diversity gained by a flowing system versus a confined wetland.

Land management in Paradise Run will be difficult if restoration of the floodplain cannot be accomplished. The present land use is improved pasture and cattle grazing.

If connected with the canal (river) and constant flows re-established, there is excellent potential for canoeing, fishing and wildlife observations. Paradise Run's close proximity to the City of Okeechobee and Lake Okeechobee would make it a popular recreational destination. It is also possible that the Florida National Scenic Trail would be extended through Paradise Run.

• Nicodemus Slough

This 2,200-acre parcel is located in Glades County and consists of wet prairie, brookleaf, broadleaf marsh and prairie hammock. It is located south of the Herbert Hoover Dike and west of State Road 78.

Scattered tree growth occurs along the western edge of the tract. Until recently, the construction of the dike, coupled with the maintenance of lower stages in Lake Okeechobee, resulted in a shortened hydroperiod and general lowering of water levels in Nicodemus Slough. This altered vegetative patterns on the property and allowed the spread of transitional and upland species.

The district staff foresees making Nicodemus Slough available for fishing, picnicking, canoeing, hiking, nature observation, limited volume airboating and photography. Prohibited uses are hunting, power boating and the use of off-road vehicles.

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Symptoms of ADHD may be caused by other problems

Can Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) also be known as Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) be treated without drug therapy?

Some researchers think so.

Diana Hunter, author of "The Ritalin-Free Child," makes a good case for thinking twice before giving a child Ritalin or any other medication for ADHD.

ADHD is a complicated issue. Some researchers have even questioned whether or not the "disease" is real, since there is no way to test for it. The condition is diagnosed solely on behavior.

The symptoms associated with attention deficit or hyperactivity can also be caused by a number of other factors, Ms.

Hunter points out. Allergies can cause physical discomfort that results in children becoming frustrated, restless, irrita-



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ble and inattentive.

Overuse or improper use of antibiotics can cause yeast overgrowth, which has been linked to physical ailments as well as depression and hyperactivity.

That's just one reason it is so important to administer antibiotics strictly according to the instructions given by the doctor. Too often parents are lax in

giving antibiotics in a timely manner or don't give the child the remainder of a prescription once symptoms of infection are gone. This is asking for trouble.

Lack of sleep can also result in symptoms similar to ADHD. Studies have shown that most Americans simply do not get enough sleep. Children need even more sleep than adults. If a child is difficult to rouse in the morning, chances are he isn't getting enough sleep at night and should be going to bed earlier.

Hearing or vision problems can also lead to symptoms that mimic ADHD.

Chemical poisoning or metal intoxication is sometimes the cause of behavior problems. Children sometimes ingest lead from the paint on old toys or furniture, household dust from old houses once painted with lead-based paint and water

which has traveled through pipes repaired with lead-based solder.

Mercury, which is even more toxic than lead, can also cause toxicity reactions. Mercury has been found in fish in the south Everglades and in canals in the Okeechobee has still tested safe. Florida has a lot of natural mercury in the soil and when drainage canals are dug, some of that mercury can be released into the water. Mercury from incinerators also falls from the sky with the rain.

Even aluminum can be toxic to some people. Aluminum is found in cookware, anti-perspirants and some antacids. According to Ms. Hunter, excess antacid intake is the most common cause of aluminum toxicity. Symptoms can include nervousness, forgetfulness and

memory loss.

"Well meaning parents who push a child to perform above his or her age level can cause a child to become nervous, angry, inattentive and depressed. This can be mistaken for ADHD."

So how do you know if a child really has ADHD? There are medical tests available that can determine if a child has physical problems such as a hearing or vision loss. A hair sample can be tested for metal toxicity. And there are tests for allergies.

Even if other factors have been ruled out, drug therapy is not always necessary, according to the book. Many children diagnosed with ADHD have responded to an alternative approach which combines proper nutrition with counseling and behavior modification techniques.

Diana Hunter's book, "The

Ritalin-Free Child," is available through the public library. Another book which promotes a nutritional approach to ADHD, "Why Your Child is Hyperactive," by Dr. Benjamin Feingold is also available through the public library.

(Future columns will contain more information about ADHD. If you are a parent, teacher or doctor who would like to share their personal experiences with ADHD children, write to Katrina Elksen, P.O. Box 639, Okeechobee, Fla. 34973.)



Postal Service fights breast cancer

(NAPS)—Great strides are being made in the fight against breast cancer, and some of the essential funding is coming from an unusual source—the post office.

Sales of the "semipostal" Breast Cancer Research stamp, which costs a few cents more than a regular stamp, benefit a pair of research organizations in their quest to find a cure for the disease. Presently, one in nine American women will develop breast cancer in their lifetime.

"The Postal Service has a proud tradition of issuing stamps to help raise awareness of social issues," said Postmaster General William Henderson. "This stamp continues our active role in the



Sales of the nation's first "semipostal" stamp will help fund breast cancer research.

fight against breast cancer, one of the deadliest diseases among women."

Experts say breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among women in every major ethnic group in the U.S. When breast cancer is diagnosed early (stages I and II), five-year survival rates are nearly 95 percent and there are better options for breast-conserving surgery.

The Breast Cancer Research stamp was designed by Ethel Kessler, a survivor of the disease, and illustrated by Whitney Sherman.

Dr. Ernie Bodai, MD, chief of surgery, Kaiser Permanente, Sacramento, California, and Elizabeth Mullen, founder, president and CEO, WIN

Against Breast Cancer, San Diego, led a grassroots campaign for a stamp to help save women's lives, which resulted in the development of the Breast Cancer Research stamp.

Seventy percent of net proceeds from the sales of the stamp—above the cost of postage—will be given to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and 30 percent will go to the Medical Research Program of the Department of Defense (DoD). The NIH and DoD, which both conduct breast cancer research, were identified as recipients of the funds by legislation enacted in 1997. Over the next few months, through National Breast Cancer Awareness month in October, the Postal Service, breast can-

cer organizations and other partners will host awareness events across the country.

To join the fight, pick up the Breast Cancer Research stamp at the post office or call 1-800-STAMP-24. Visit the Postal Service website at www.usps.com and click "Stamps" for more information on this and other stamp-related products.

What to do about prostate cancer: weighing your options

(NAPS)—You may be one of the more than 184,000 men this year who will face a diagnosis of prostate cancer. Making decisions about how to treat this disease, which is the most common type of cancer in men, is often a difficult and confusing process. There are few clear answers and no simple ones. And because it is cancer, many men rush to treatment without being fully aware of their options and the risks, benefits, and potential side effects associated with each one.

That is why the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the major Federal government agency for cancer research, and US TOO International, the largest men's cancer organization with over 100,000 members worldwide, have joined forces to help men and their families get the information and support they need to make the medical decisions that are right for them.

Become An Informed Consumer

The truth is that you do not need to rush your decision about how to treat your prostate cancer. In fact, many men do not require treatment, and for those who do, there are several treatment options available. Of course, this doesn't mean you can ignore it. However, a short delay will not reduce the chance that treatment will be successful. And given all the uncertainties about prostate cancer treatment, it is wise to become a well-informed consumer before taking action. Take the time to learn about the disease and explore all your options. Talk

with your doctor about what to do—or with several doctors—you may want to consult one or more specialists.

In addition, talk it over with your spouse, your family, or close friend. You also may want to get in touch with other men who have been diagnosed with prostate cancer to hear how they are dealing with it. Men tend not to want to talk about personal things, but this is too important to keep to yourself.

Questions To Ask Your Doctor

Here are some questions to keep in mind when you talk to your doctor about your prostate cancer diagnosis. It might be helpful to take this list with you. If you don't understand something, ask your doctor to explain further.

• Is it certain that I have cancer? Would it be useful to get a second opinion?

• What stage is the cancer? What grade? What does that mean?

• What is my prognosis, or chances of recovery?

• Do I need to be treated right away? What are my treatment choices? What do you recommend for me?

• What are the expected benefits for each kind of treatment?

• What are the risks and possible side effects of each treatment?

• Is treatment likely to affect my sex life?

• Am I likely to have urinary problems?

• Could you explain "watchful waiting"?

• Are the various treatments being studied in clinical trials? Would I be appropriate for me?

• What other doctors' should I talk to—cancer specialists, surgeons, radiotherapists?

• How much experience does the specialist or surgeon have? How many times a year does he or she perform this procedure? What will they do during the treatment procedure?

• Where can I learn more about my disease?

Your decision on what to do next will depend on a number of factors. Your age, general health, the extent of the cancer; whether the cancer is fast-growing or slow-growing, and your feelings about the treatments and their possible side effects. There are a number of available treatments for men with prostate cancer—surgery, radiation therapy, hormone therapy, and chemotherapy.

Clinical trials are also available for each of these methods. Keep in mind, however, that not all men require treatment. The decision to not treat prostate cancer may be an acceptable and appropriate option. If it's slow-growing and found early, the possible side effects, and the risks of treatment, must be weighed against the possible benefits of treatment.

Instead, the doctor may suggest "watchful waiting"—following the patient closely and treating the patient later for symptoms should they arise.

Ultimately, the decisions about how to treat prostate cancer are very personal ones. You, after all, are the one who has to live with the results. So, get the facts, talk with your doctor and your family, weigh your options, and then make the decisions that are right for you.

For more information about prostate cancer, call the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service at 1-800-4-CANCER (422-6237). For more information about US TOO and its prostate cancer support groups, call 1-800-808-7866.

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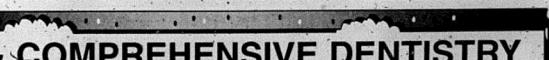
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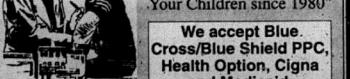
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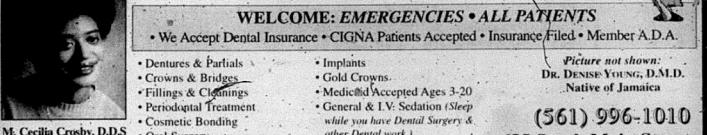
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Refreshing your memory

About two weeks ago I called about all the teachers who are leaving Pahokee Middle/Senior High School and I didn't get a chance to see that in the paper. So I'm calling back to refresh your memory.

Also, why are all the kids in the Glades taking intensive classes and all the teachers teaching out of field?

Thank you.

Dangerous walk for children

I live on Wedgworth Road and I have a granddaughter who has to walk a mile and a half to catch a school bus. I think this is ridiculous.

These children are in danger every day. Why should our children have to walk down State Road 880 to a little convenience store where they have to catch a bus?

Now this is a mile and a half from where I work. There is no school bus that comes down this road. I'm talking about little six, seven, eight year-old children I've seen walking to school with their mother to go to Gove. My granddaughter goes to Lake Shore and I don't think it's right. We pay the taxes to have these school buses, yet our children are in danger every day when they walk this highway...any highway.

Our children are already at risk every day. We have to be on guard for our children if we don't protect our children, who's going to?

So, I think the people who live on this street with children should have the school bus come out here. If they have to, they can turn around in my yard and I've got a big yard.

So I think this city and the school board should have a bus come out to Wedgworth Road.

Thank you very much for listening to me.

Editor's note: Both of these calls have been passed on to West Area School Superintendent Eugenia Jones. Hopefully, we can get a response in next week's edition of *The Sun*.

Wake up, Belle Glade

This message is for the citizens of Belle Glade: It's time to wake up and vote for a change. Vote for people who are going to be in the interest of the City of Belle Glade and its citizens as well.

With all the current corruption going on at city hall, the city manager, public works, its time for us to wake up.

Why is it that all of the financial dollars that are earned in the City of Belle Glade

and the surrounding Glades area, none of that money is put back into the community?

It's time for the citizens of Belle Glade to wake up and vote for a change to make our place a better place to live, a better place to visit, and a better place for our kids.

It's time to wake up Belle Glade. Wake up.

More on city issue

Yes, I'm calling in regard to Lomax Harrelle. I know the issue has been addressed several times in the Speak Out and I don't really care if there is a response from Chief Miller or not. It's not really a question or a complaint, just a statement.

I do feel that he (Mr. Harrelle) needs to step down. I'm certain he had a very vital part in whatever wrongdoing that took place with the city. I can definitely remember a few years ago, as an African American, applying for a position with the City of Belle Glade in public relations. I have a bachelors' degree from a major university and I was denied the job. Three other African Americans also applied for the position and were denied the position, of public relations. That position was given to Sue Teets who had no experience whatsoever.

I know the government is very corrupt there and that they don't look for quality. He is getting exactly what he deserves.

Thank you.

We want a refund

I was reading in the *Palm Beach Post* where Osceola Center is getting water 50% cheaper than a resident of Belle Glade.

If they're getting their water cheaper, the residents of Belle Glade want a refund on their water bill. Because if they're in the city they need to pay the city water rate just like everybody else is paying.

If what I read is so, we want a refund!

Editor's note: I spoke with Dave Wood, finance director for the City of Belle Glade. He says Osceola Center residents pay the same amount for water as everyone else in the city.

Caller saw man hit bicycar

Hi. I have a message. After a very stressful day some people go out to walk or ride their bicycles. It is good to see that we can still walk or ride bicycles in the appropriate places in our community.

On Thursday evening, a man was hit by a car on North Main Street. The car, with disregard to safety, of that person, drove away without stopping to care for that

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than their younger counterparts to react to the information given to the two groups, probably because they accept the notion that memory can not be improved, Professor West said.

The results show that we need to encourage older adults to think of themselves as a group that has the potential to have a better memory if they work at it," she said.

Other studies, which were conducted by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, have found the belief that people can control part of their lives is a good predictor of whether they are well mentally and physically, Professor West said.

"We used to see it as a chick-en-or-egg proposition," she said.

"Having control over something that allows you to age successfully, or does aging successfully make you feel like you have more control? One thing about our work as well as the MacArthur Foundation research is that it found that having a feeling of mastery predicted whether or not people used strategies that could ultimately make them more successful."

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I want to say "thank you" to the people who stopped and tried to help in any way. We as a community should try to look out for each other. Getting involved is a way to show our love for each other.

To the citizens of Belle Glade - we should slow down. This could happen to any member of your family. Help each other out by not being in such a rush. Life would be less stressful and you would arrive alive and safe.

I pray this man is doing okay. He was flown to St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach.

Thank you.

Caller was scary

The caller to Speak Out last week who so vehemently put down all city officials also put himself in a bad position. He says, "We know" and "have known" what's going on at city hall. (Read last week's *Don't even*.) It speaks of an employee fired and hating the

Elderly should ignore stereotypes about memory loss

By Cathy Keen

University of Florida News

Older people are much less likely to have major memory problems if they believe in themselves and work to improve their recall," a newly released University of Florida study finds.

The elderly are more likely than younger people to buy into the stereotype that they can't control their memory, and it affects not only their self-esteem but also how hard they try to remember, said Robin West, a University of Florida psychology professor who did the research.

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Roscoe and Brenda Braddock, of Belle Glade, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Courtney Lake Braddock, to Nolan Dwan Allen.

Courtney is a graduate of Glades Day School and is presently a student at Lee University in Cleveland, Tennessee.

Dwan is the son of Annie Allen of Pahokee and Nolan Dwan Allen (Buddy), of Ft. Pierce. He is a graduate of Lee University and is presently a student at the School of Theology in Cleveland, Tennessee.

The couple will be married on January 2, 1999 at the Good Shepherd Church of God in Pahokee. Rev. James Brewer will officiate.

Lt. Driggers retires after 30 years



Palm Beach County Sheriff, Bob Newman gave Lt. Harry Driggers a plaque on behalf of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office to the department.



Corporal Mike Stull of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office gave Lt. Harry Driggers a plaque on behalf of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, District 5, Belle Glade Sub-Station.

Local bank celebrates 50-year membership with IBAA

First Community Bank of Palm Beach County in Pahokee, has reached a membership milestone in the Independent Bankers Association of America. This marks the bank's 50th year as a member of this national organization devoted to serving needs of community banks across the country. First Community Bank of Palm Beach County joins 71 other community banks in achieving this distinction this year.

IBAA is the primary voice for the nation's community banks,

representing 5,500 institutions at more than 16,000 locations nationwide. Community banks are independently owned and operated and are characterized by attention to customer service, lower fees and small business, agricultural and consumer lending. IBAA's members hold nearly \$339 billion in insured deposits, \$492 billion in assets and more than \$240 billion in loans for consumers, small businesses and farms in the communities they serve.

Steve Haller Memorial Tee-Off for Kids Golf Tournament

West County Mental Health Clinic and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office will host the annual Steve Haller Memorial Tee-Off For Kids Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 12 at the Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course.

Help make a difference in the lives of our children. Proceeds from the tournament are used to enhance services of the children's programs of the clinic and Palm Beach Sheriff's Office Explorer Post #611.

The Mental Health Clinic and Palm Beach Sheriff's are seeking donated items for raffle prizes.

For more information, call (561) 992-1330.

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IT'S BACK-TO-SCHOOL TIME!

JENNIE M. SEARS, STAFF REPORTER

No shots, No school

For 7th graders in Palm Beach County

The Palm Beach County School District and the Palm Beach County Health Department is making an urgent appeal to all parents of 7th graders in the county to have their children immunized under current State of Florida law. To date, a large number of children in the 7th grade are not in compliance with the state's requirement.

What does this mean to the parents of these children? Simply, no shots, no school. As of September 8, the Tuesday after Labor Day, the School District will exclude all 7th graders who are not in compliance with immunization requirements.

What does this mean to the parents of these children? Simply, no shots, no school.

Students have their records updated, the children will not be allowed to attend school.

The Palm Beach County School District has sent out a series of letters to parents/guardians with their child's medical records imprinted in the correspondence. All students must have their records updated or the children will not be allowed to attend school.

All students must have their medical records with them when they seek immunization at the Health Department. When returning to school, the student must bring an updated medical (DH680) as proof of immunization.

immunization.

Private providers and the Health Department have steadily worked to immunize the county's 7th grade population of 11,500 students. With a large number of the 7th grade population being out of compliance with a deadline of September 8 for exclusion, they expect a last minute rush to the medical community.



Lake Shore Middle School invites families to read together

Every month, starting September 3, students and their families will gather at the Lake Shore Middle School's library to share some special reading time. Parents, grandparents, and siblings gather informally to select books, talk about what they recommend, and prove their understanding with computerized testing. The key is that families have fun and spend quality time together in an activity that promotes good reading habits.

"Family Reading Plus Nights like this one are catching on throughout the country," said Mary Rogers-Bell, Parent Liaison at Lake

Shore Middle School, who oversees reading plus activities from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays, once per month. "In our rush-rush society, it's important that parents and busy children take time for an activity that is fun and promotes togetherness. Practicing reading skills is a natural."

Aside from the fellowship, one exciting aspect of Family Reading Plus Night is the use of the computerized reading management program, the Accelerated Reader.

During the school day, students at Lake Shore Middle School use the program to prove their comprehension of

books read. Test passed translate to reading points earned. Now, other family members are getting in on the testing fun. "It's become common for students and parents to have a little friendly competition with the Accelerated Reader," Ms. Bell said.

Mary Roger-Bell proposed the Family Reading Plus Night to school administrators Rodney Montgomery and Helen Rutledge, who were quick to see the advantages of the program.

For more information about Family Reading Plus Night, contact Mary Rogers-Bell at 561-993-4046 ext. 66.

Moreland, new director of youth crisis center



Earnest Moreland

Ernest Moreland, born and raised in Belle Glade and an alumnus of Glades Central Community High

School has a way with youth. After graduating from Glades Central he attended Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, KS.

He is the son of Ernest and Alma Moreland of Belle Glade. Sister, Sheila Carrigan and brothers Greg and Leanne Moreland, also of Belle Glade, are strong supporters of Ernest.

Ernest has spent 11 years helping youth who have been removed from their homes and placed in the shelters for different reasons.

He is now the new director at a crisis center for youth in Parsons, KS. He will be replacing Joan Vitt who recently resigned.

Moreland truly enjoys his job. "I love it. As long as I've been in it, I've loved it. I've seen a lot of successes, and I know these places can work," Moreland said.

Joan Vitt did a very good job as director. "We always received compliments from the social services and other sources across the state on our operation," he said. "I look forward to being director here."

Simmons graduates FSU

Diane Simmons, daughter of Noland and Daphne Freeman of Ft. Myers and daughter of Marjie Henderson of South Bay, graduated August 8 with honors from Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida. She received a

degree in criminology and has been accepted for the fall program.

Diane will continue her studies in order to receive her master's degree in counseling. She received her Associate of Arts degree from Palm Beach Community College

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING EAST BEACH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Board of Supervisors of EAST BEACH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT, the 1998 Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 12, 1998 at the Glades Palm Beach, Florida, on Monday, September 14, 1998, at 1:30 p.m. in the afternoon for the purpose of transacting the following business:

1. Electing one Supervisor for a term of three years.

2. Approving annual reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowner may require.

3. Transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

If any person desires to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter contained in the notice herein, refer to the minutes of the meeting, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

Published: The Sun, August 27 at 8:00 a.m. Legal Notice No. 30-105.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT AT 8:00 P.M., SEPTEMBER 15, 1998, in the recreation center at Tanner Park, 105 Palm Beach, South Bay, Florida, the City of Belle Glade, Florida, will hold a public hearing for the purpose of

transacting the following:

Fiscal year '98 federal allocations for the City of Belle Glade for the fiscal year 1998-1999, Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funds. The purpose of the block grant program, administered by the U.S. Department

of Justice is to provide local units of government with funds to undertake projects to reduce crime and improve public safety. Funding may be used for one or more of several purpose areas. The City of Belle Glade is eligible to receive an award of \$19,650.00.

BJA has several requirements prior to awarding these funds. They are as follows: a) An application for funding must be submitted and approved; b) a ten (10) percent cash match must be provided; c) each local unit of government must make a formal commitment to use the grant funds for their intended purpose; d) a formal audit of the grant funds is required; e) a formal audit of the grant funds is required; f) if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Commission, with respect to any matter contained in the notice herein, refer to the minutes of the meeting, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The annual report of ARCHBOLD EXPEDITIONS is available at the address noted below for inspection during the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. by persons who request within 180 days after publication of this notice.

Published: The Sun, September 3, 1998 Legal Notice No. 98-111.

cation of this notice of its availability: Archbold Expeditions, Rogers, Rogers & Associates, 1000 N. Dixie Hwy., Suite 1230, West Palm Beach, Florida 33401. The principal manager is Frances A. Hulley, Chairman of the Board.

Published: The Sun, September 3, 1998 Legal Notice No. 98-112.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

A Special Meeting of the East Shore Water Control and South Shore Drainage District has been set for 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 9, 1998, at the District Office, 1000 N. Dixie Hwy., Belle Glade, Florida, regarding the Corps of Engineers Permitting.

Published: The Sun, September 3, 1998 Legal Notice No. 98-113.

NOTICE FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of the City of Belle Glade will accept sealed bids for the construction of a new Obeseches Center. All details and specifications may be obtained at the office of the executive director, 1200 N.W. 4th Avenue, Belle Glade, Florida.

All bids must be sealed, delivered and filed at the construction office by 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 1998.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Published: The Sun, September 3 & 10, 1998 Legal Notice No. 98-114.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Public notice is hereby given that on Friday, September 18, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., the City of Belle Glade, Florida, will meet at the Fire Station, 525 S.W. 2nd Street, Belle Glade, Florida, to sell the property located at 1200 N.W. 4th Avenue, Belle Glade, Florida.

All bids must be sealed, delivered and filed at the construction office by 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 1998.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The Canvassing Board of the City of Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida, will meet on Tuesday, September 15, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as practicable in the Belle Glade Fire Station, 525 S.W. 2nd Street, Belle Glade, Florida, to canvass the absentee electors' ballots cast for the General Election of September 15, 1998.

Published: The Sun, September 3, 1998 Legal Notice No. 98-116.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The Canvassing Board of the City of Belle Glade, Florida, will meet on Tuesday, September 22, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as practicable in the Belle Glade Fire Station, 525 S.W. 2nd Street, Belle Glade, Florida, to canvass the absentee electors' ballots cast for the Run-Off Election on Tuesday, September 22, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as practicable in the Belle Glade Fire Station, 525 S.W. 2nd Street, Belle Glade, Florida.

Published: The Sun, September 3, 1998 Legal Notice No. 98-117.

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PUBLIC NOTICE 1998 GENERAL ELECTION

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE CITY OF BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA

Waiting time will be reduced if you bring your voter identification card, driver's license, or some form of photo identification bearing your signature to the polls at the Fire Station, 525 S.W. 2nd Street, Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida, on Election Day - Tuesday, September 15, 1998. However, all registered voters will be permitted to vote even if they forget to bring identification.

Only those qualified registered voters living within the corporate limits of the City of Belle Glade may vote in the September 15, 1998 General Election.

CITY OF BELLE GLADE
DEBRA R. BUFF
CITY CLERK/SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 101.68, State Statutes, the Canvassing Board of the City of Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida, will meet on Tuesday, September 15, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as practicable in the Belle Glade Fire Station, 525 S.W. 2nd Street, Belle Glade, Florida, to canvass the absentee electors' ballots cast for the General Election of September 15, 1998.

In the event that a Run-Off Election is necessary on September 22, 1998, the Canvassing Board of the City of Belle Glade, Florida, will meet to canvass the absentee electors' ballots for the Run-Off Election on Tuesday, September 22, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as practicable in the Belle Glade Fire Station, 525 S.W. 2nd Street, Belle Glade, Florida.

CITY OF BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA
DEBRA R. BUFF
CITY CLERK/SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

NASCAR

This Week

All Times Eastern

- WO, Friday, Sports Classic
8 p.m. • Friday • TNN
- BGN, Dura Lube 200
1 p.m. • Saturday • ESPN
- Winston Cup, Southern 500
1 p.m. • Sunday • ESPN

POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Jeff Gordon (1)	1. D. Earnhardt Jr. 3,069	1. Jeff Gordon (1)
2. Mark Martin, 3,530	2. Matt Kenseth, 3,174	2. Jeff Gordon, 2,871
3. Dale Jarrett, 3,530	3. M. McLaughlin, 3,094	3. Jack Sprague, 2,845
4. Rusty Wallace, 3,175	4. Randy LaJoie, 2,839	4. Joe Ruttman, 2,755
5. Bobby Labonte, 3,083	5. B. Labonte, 2,758	5. Tony Raines, 2,666
6. Jeremy Mayfield, 3,002	6. Elliott Sadler, 2,738	6. Stacy Compton, 2,551
7. Jeff Burton, 2,983	7. Phil Parsons, 2,677	7. B. Saenger, 2,474
8. Dale Earnhardt, 2,809	8. Tim Fedewa, 2,677	8. Ron Bales, 2,306
9. Terry Labonte, 2,657	9. Elliott Sadler, 2,610	9. Randy Tolman, 2,299
10. John Andretti, 2,575	10. Hermie Sadler, 2,298	10. Mike Wallace, 2,229

TOP TEN

Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.

- 1. Jeff Gordon (1)
Five out of six
- 2. Mark Martin (3)
In hot pursuit
- 3. Dale Jarrett (5)
The wins will come
- 4. Bobby Labonte (2)
Top Pony driver
- 5. Rusty Wallace (4)
Needs a victory

- 6. Jeff Burton (10)
Looking good
- 7. Dale Earnhardt (8)
Darlington master
- 8. Jeremy Mayfield (7)
Sobering experience
- 9. Terry Labonte (6)
Fighting slump
- 10. John Andretti (NR)
Pleasing the King

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Jack Roush vs. Ray Evernham

Roush, the multicar team owner, questions how Jeff Gordon can be so strong at the end of races.

Evernham, Gordon's crew chief, reacts angrily to any suggestion of improprieties. "Jack deserves me," said Evernham Sunday.

"After they (NASCAR) examine everything we do and don't find anything —

and they won't — is he going to apologize? I don't think so."

NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton gives his opinion: "It doesn't really matter whether Gordon's team is pulling something illegal or whether they just have a well-earned edge over everybody else. People are going to talk."

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THE WINSTON CUP CIRCUIT

THE WINSTON CUP SERIES

COMING UP: Pepsi Southern 500
WHERE: Darlington (S.C.)
WHEN: Sunday, Sept. 6
DEFENDING CHAMPION: Jeff Gordon
EVENT QUALIFYING RECORD: Dale Jarrett, Ford, 170.934 mph, Aug. 30, 1996.
RACE RECORD: Mark Martin, Ford, 170.932 mph, 1993.

OTHER FORMER WINNERS: Dale Earnhardt has nine Darlington victories, one shy of David Pearson's all-time record. Among active drivers, Darrell Waltrip and Bill Elliott are next with five apiece, and Gordon already has four.

JARRETT



ALMOST HOME COOKING

You'll have to ask for directions, but Florence, S.C., has a place called the Circle Fountain that offers a unique perspective on the way of life in the Pee Dee Region. "Beach music" blares as middle-aged couples shag to the soft melodies. Meanwhile, the cheeseburgers are "to die for."

JARRETT: Jarrett, winner of the past two spring races, has never won a Southern 500. ... Gordon has won the last three, the only driver ever to do so.

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL
COMING UP: Dura Lube 200
WHERE: Darlington (S.C.) Raceway

PROFILE

Darlington Raceway



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

David Pearson has won 10 Winston Cup races at Darlington, more than any other driver. Dale Earnhardt is second with nine victories.

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

LOCATION: Darlington, S.C.

SIZE & CONFIGURATION: 1.366-mile oval, narrower in turns 3-4 than in 1-2.

OPENED: 1950

ALL-TIME WINSTON CUP RACE WINNERS:

David Pearson, with 10 victories, and Dale Earnhardt, with nine, far outstrip all other competitors.

ALL-TIME SOUTHERN 500 WINNERS:

Cale Yarborough won five



times, while Bobby Allison won four.

The construction of Darlington Raceway, completed in 1950, did for stock car racing what Babe Ruth's career did for baseball.

Prior to Darlington, NASCAR had never sanctioned a race on asphalt, nor had a race been held

on an oval a mile or more in length.

Still one of the season's highlights, the Southern 500 was once far and away the most prestigious annual event. It was held nine years prior to the first Daytona 500, 10 years before Charlotte's World 600 and 44 years before stock cars ever raced at Indianapolis.

Darlington is still stock car racing's most perilous track, and the Southern 500 is quite possibly the sport's most difficult race to win.

TRIVIA

1. What car owner brought Jeff Gordon to the Busch Grand National series?
2. From what state did Bobby and Donnie Allison move to Alabama?

WHO'S NOT? Bobby Hamilton has scored only one top-10 finish in the 15 races since his victory at Martinsville.

WHO'S HOT? Rusty Wallace has seven top-10 finishes in the last eight races.

WHO'S NOT? Kevin Lepage was the beneficiary of particular acclaim in New England, where Maine's New Ricky Craven has historically been the overwhelming crowd favorite.

Craven, who missed much of this season recovering from head injuries, won the pole in the last week at New Hampshire but faded poorly on race day. He has now been replaced by Wally Dallenbach Jr. in the No. 50 Team Hendrick-Chevrolet. Ironically, if not for the Roush

WHEN: Saturday, Sept. 5
DEFENDING CHAMPION: Jeff Burton
TRACK QUALIFYING RECORD: Jeff Green, Chevrolet 166.337 mph, March 22, 1996.
RACE RECORD: Michael Waltrip, Pontiac, 138.140 mph, Sept. 5, 1992.
OTHER FORMER WINNERS: Mark Martin has won five Winston Cup races, including three triumphs in this event. Among active drivers, Dale Jarrett and Robert Pressley have also won twice.

NOTABLE: This is Darlington's 32nd BGN event. ... Jack Roush has owned six winning cars, five by Martin to go along with Burton's win a year ago.

YOUR TURN
Letters From Our Readers

Dear NASCAR This Week,

Explain to me, once again, why the cars are described as stock?

Sure, they do not need lights or wipers to race, but how about some of the main components?

The Fords, Chevrolets and Pontiacs all have the same chassis that was developed about 20 years ago. Also, they all have rear-wheel drive and carburetors. All of these cars are currently made with front-wheel drive and fuel injection.

It seems to me that the term "stock" is a bit of a stretch.

Tom Roper
Port St. Joe, Fla.

Dear Tom,

This is an argument as old as NASCAR itself. Why are they called stock cars? Well, they still look somewhat like the cars on the street. The biggest reason is probably that this form of motorsports has always been known as "stock car" racing. Also, we would suggest that the "stock cars" featured around the country on dirt tracks and in sanctioning bodies like the American Speed Association are even more exaggerated in their differences from their street equivalents.

Dear NASCAR This Week,

I am a Jeff Gordon fan. I have heard rumors that Jeff Gordon and Ray Evernham are leaving Hendrick Motorsports. Please tell me they aren't true!

Bethany Sands
Lepis, Ohio

Dear Bethany,

They aren't true (to the best of our knowledge).

If you've got a question or a comment, write: **NASCAR This Week Your Turn**, c/o The Gaston Gazette, 2500 Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, N.C. 28054

CREW OF THE WEEK

■ Their detractors hint darkly of well-concealed rule violations, but regardless of whether that's true or not, it's clear that Ray Evernham and his Rainbow Warriors know something that keeps putting Jeff Gordon in victory lane.

Longtime NASCAR fans Bobbie Bare and Jerry Reed are joined by fellow country-music legends Waylon Jennings and Mel Tillis on a dazzling new CD, "Old Dogs." What does it have to do with racing? Nothing. But it is a remarkable work, and the tie-in between racing and country music is strong.

ON THE MARKET

1. **TRIVIA**
2. **POCONO**
ANSWERS

AROUND THE GARAGE

Stricklin's injury puts Ron Fellows in the driver's seat

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

LOUDON, N.H. — A nagging shoulder injury to Hut Stricklin has resulted in Ron Fellows being put back in the driver's seat of Buz McCall's American Equipment Racing Chevrolet.

At 41, Stricklin aggravated a shoulder injury in a race last weekend in the first New Hampshire

race on July 12.

Fellows, 38, made a notable debut in McCall's No. 96 Monte Carlo at Watkins Glen, where he drove the car because of his road racing expertise. Fellows put the car on the front row, though the car subsequently suffered mechanical

problems in the Aug. 9 race.

In the CMT 300, Fellows needed a provisional starting position and wound up 36th on race day.

NEW HERO? Kevin Lepage was the beneficiary of particular acclaim in New England, where Maine's New Ricky Craven has historically been the overwhelming crowd favorite.

Craven, who missed much of this season recovering from head injuries, won the pole in the last week at New Hampshire but faded poorly on race day. He has now been replaced by Wally Dallenbach Jr. in the No. 50 Team Hendrick-Chevrolet.

Ironically, if not for the Roush

off, it might have been Lepage who replaced Craven. John Hendrick called Lepage, and Ray Evernham talked with him at Pocono.

TYPICAL BURTON: Speedway Motorsports CEO Burton is making a typically aggressive move with his renovation of Bristol Dragway, the property he picked up in conjunction with his Bristol Motor Speedway purchase two years ago.

Smith will make the dragway the largest in the country, with the addition of 35,000 seats during the off-season. Furthermore, his Winston Showdown will become as unique an event in drag racing as

The Winston, Smith's annual stock car showcase at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

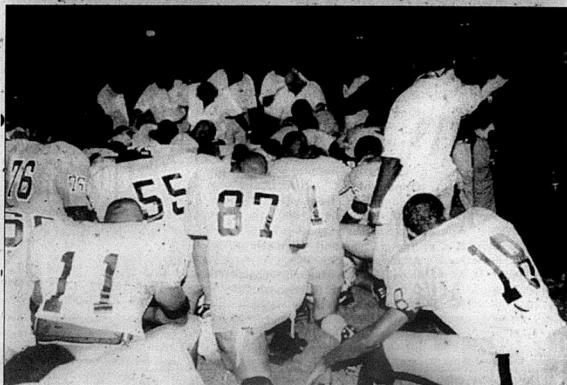
For the first time, the National Hot Rod Association's two fastest classes, Top Fuel and Funny Car, will race against each other in the event to be held for the first time on July 10, 1999.

GENE GENERATIONS: Dale Earnhardt Sr. and Jr. will race against each other for the first time on Nov. 22 in the annual NASCAR race in Japan.

The race, dubbed the Coca-Cola 500, will be at the new Twin Ring Motegi track, and the drivers will each drive Chevrolets sponsored by the soft-drink company.

Sports

417 N.W. 16th Street, Suite 6, Belle Glade, Florida 33430



SUNPHOTO by Big "A" Vereen

The Glades Central Raiders take a moment to give thanks after the game.

Heritage pulls out win late in Kick-Off Classic

The Gators of Glades Day were looking at a zero to zero score at half time in the game against American Heritage last Friday.

The Heritage team rallied in the second half and got two late scores to win the game 20-0.

Coach Pete Walker said he knew going into the Kick-off Classic it was going to be a challenging game. "We knew going into the game that Rusty Hyslope, our defensive tackle

was not going to play and we had some injuries," he said, "but our kids were ready to play."

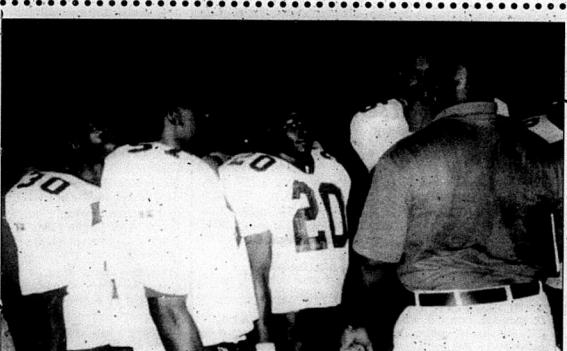
Coach Walker praised the Heritage team, saying, "American Heritage has a fine football team and I think it was a good game. It was an eye opener and hopefully we learned some things and we'll be ready to play LaBelle this week."

Looking ahead to Friday's game, Coach Walker said they

have won their games against the Cowboys of La Belle for the past two years.

But, Coach Walker knows past performance doesn't guarantee future results, and the Gators will be ready for this away game.

"We've had a good week of practice," says Walker. "LaBelle has a good team and it's always a good football game. They'll be seeking revenge for our last two wins. It should be interesting."



SUNPHOTO by Robbie Everett

The Pahokee Blue Devils gather for advise from the coach. Friday the Blue Devils defeated the Tigers 24-6.

Kick-Off Classic:

Blue Devils (24) Tigers (6)

By Robbie Everett

The Pahokee Blue Devil gridders handily defeated the Clewiston Tigers 24-6 in the Kick Off Classic last Friday night.

Senior Quarterback Anquan Boldin returned a fumble in the first quarter to give the Blue Devils a 6-0 lead. In the second quarter, Boldin con-

nected with Wide Receiver Octavious Jackson to set up another touchdown run. Boldin's 44 yard run gave Pahokee a 12-6 lead at the half.

Eric Moore and Willie Ranam provided the spark to the defense to keep Clewiston off guard. Football fans should keep their eye on this combo.

They're hot!

Boldin connected with Jackson again in the third quarter on a touchdown pass. The point after touchdown failed on a narrowly missed pass to Jackson.

The Blue Devils won the first home game Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. See ya there.



SUNPHOTO by Big "A" Vereen

This Glades Central cheerleader Christal Seider has the Raider spirit.



SUNPHOTO by Big "A" Vereen

Raider Quarterback Jerry Campbell is captured by the camera before the game began.

Kick-Off Classic:

26-0 Raiders Win

Glades Central Community High played Ely High School in Pompano Beach last Thursday and came away winners with a score of 26-0.

The yearly Kick-off Classic is a way for area teams to get in some on-field practice before season begins.

Glades Central Coach Milton Watson said his team played well but he was able to pinpoint some areas the boys need to refine before this week's game against Royal Palm Beach.

"We're going to concentrate on some things this week and I may move some players around," he said. "Our defense looked really good last week," he noted.

The Raiders will face Royal Palm Beach on Friday. This is a new high school the Raiders played for the first time last year. Coach Watson said it should be a good game and hopefully this new team will be improved. Last year, Glades Central trounced Royal Palm by over 50 points.

"They have a couple of big linemen this year and several returning players. We'll see how it goes," said Coach Watson.

"We won't take them lightly. Our guys will need to stay focused, not jump off sides and make any silly mistakes," said the coach.



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We are pleased to have Dr. Hatton joining the Trinity Network

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 101.5612, Florida Statutes, testing of the Computer Election Systems automatic tabulating equipment, to be used in the City of Belle Glade's General Election on Tuesday, September 15, 1998, will be held on Friday, September 11, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., in the Office of the County Supervisor of Elections located at 301 North Olive Avenue, Room 105, West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida.

In the event that a Run-Off Election is necessary on September 22, 1998, testing of the Computer Election Systems automatic tabulating equipment, to be used in the Run-Off Election, will be held on Friday, September 18, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. in the Office of the County Supervisor of Elections located at 301 North Olive Avenue, Room 105, West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida.

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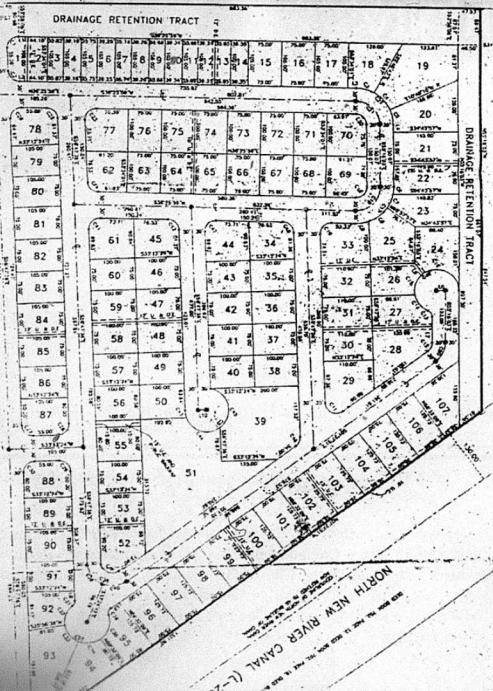


The James Parrish family enjoyed the game together. The Raiders defeated Ely 20-0.



Pahokee fans were out in full force for the annual Kick-Off Classic held Friday, Aug. 28. The Blue Devils defeated the Clewiston Tigers 24-6.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Commission of the City of South Bay, Palm Beach County, Florida will hold a Public hearing on the 15th day of September, 1998, on all matters concerning the possible adoption of **Ordinance No. 2-98** providing for the Platting of the property as noted in the map and part of the ordinance. Call to order will be at 8:00 P.M.

If any person wishes to question or comment regarding this proposal, they may submit in writing or at the time of the scheduled public hearing as noted above. Written comments should be addressed to the City Clerk, City of South Bay, 101 N.W. 1st Avenue, South Bay, Florida.

Virginia K. Walker
City Clerk

Publish September 3, 1998 and September 10, 1998

SCHEDULES:

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

GLADES CENTRAL HIGH: BELLE GLADE 4A / 15

Date	Site	Opponent	4A / 15
09/05/98	A	Pope John Paul High School	
09/18/98	A	Clewiston High School	
09/25/98	A	Wellington High School	
10/09/98	H	Fort Pierce Westwood High School	
10/16/98	H	Cardinal Newman High School	
10/23/98	H	Suncoast High School	
10/30/98	H	Olympic Heights High School	
11/06/98	A	Forest Hill High School	
11/13/98	A	Pahokee High School	

GLADES DAY SCHOOL: BELLE GLADE 2A / 13

Date	Site	Opponent	2A / 13
09/04/98	A	LaBelle High School	
09/11/98	A	Benjamin School	
09/18/98	H	Gulliver Prep School	
09/25/98	H	John Carroll High School	
10/02/98	A	Frostproof High School	
10/09/98	H	St. Edward's School	
10/16/98	A	Gulf Coast H.S.	
10/23/98	A	King's Academy	
10/30/98	H	Key West High School	
11/06/98	A	Moore Haven High School	

PAHOKEE HIGH SCHOOL: PAHOKEE 3A / 14

Date	Site	Opponent	3A / 14
09/04/98	H	Wellington High School	
09/11/98	A	Dwyer High School	
09/18/98	H	Suncoast High School	
09/25/98	H	Jupiter Community High School	
10/02/98	A	Atlantic High School	
10/09/98	H	Royal Palm Beach High School	
10/23/98	H	Pope John Paul High School	
10/30/98	H	Forest Hill High School	
11/06/98	A	Cardinal Newman High School	
11/13/98	H	Glades Central High School	

CLEWISTON HIGH SCHOOL: CLEWISTON 3A / 12

Date	Site	Opponent	3A / 12
09/04/98	A	Okeechobee High School	
09/11/98	A	Mrs. Pace High School	
09/18/98	H	Glades Central High School	
10/02/98	H	Booker High School	
10/09/98	H	Bishop Verot High School	
10/16/98	A	American Heritage School	
10/23/98	H	LaBelle High School	
10/30/98	H	Lely High School	
11/06/98	A	Hardee High School	
11/13/98	A	Immokalee High School	

MOORE HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL: MOORE HAVEN 2A / 13

Date	Site	Opponent	2A / 13
09/04/98	A	Lake Placid High School	
09/11/98	A	St. Edward's School	
09/18/98	A	Cardinal Mooney High School	
09/25/98	A	Benjamin School	
10/02/98	H	American Heritage School	
10/09/98	A	King's Academy	
10/16/98	H	LaBelle High School	
10/23/98	H	John Carroll High School	
11/06/98	H	Glades Day School	



Jerry Campbell's brothers Marcus James and Alonso Vereen were at Glades Central's game Thursday.



Fishing with Walt

Hurricane Bonnie missed us and for that we are all thankful here on Lake Okeechobee.

The weather is still typical with summertime patterns and it is staying rather hot. It will not be long before we will see a cool front show up, and that will signal the start of the fall fishing season.

Right now, the fish are staying in their same feeding period of early morning and late evening.

I feel we are going to have a very good season this winter as I am getting upwards of 50 e-mails a day inquiring about accommodations and the fishing conditions on the lake. Combined with three national tournaments on the lake, there should be many folks here to visit all winter.

This is a good time to take a look at your boat and make sure it is ready for the water this season. Sometimes when a prop is installed, it is not properly torqued, which simply means the nut holding the prop on is not tightened to the proper degree. A loose prop can cause undue wear on the thrust hub, which positions the propeller on the prop shaft. Given enough time, the thrust hub could fail, allowing the spinning prop to strike the gear housing.

Prevent this scenario by periodically checking to make sure the prop nut is properly torqued. Using a torque wrench, torque the propeller nut to the torque listed in your operation and maintenance manual.

It's also a good idea to periodically remove the propeller to check for fish line wrapped around the prop shaft. To prevent the propeller hub from corroding and seizing to the propeller shaft, especially in salt water, always apply a coat of lubricant to the entire propeller shaft at the recommended maintenance intervals and each time the propeller is removed.

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Dr. Jugan's office in Clewiston is at Hendry Regional Medical Center's Multi-Specialty Physician Offices, 532 West Sagamore. To schedule local Thursday appointments with him, call the Fort Myers office at 941.939.6778. (Dr. Kagan now will be scheduling Tuesday appointments in Clewiston also. Call 941.983.6778.)

Dr. Jugan has been practicing seven years in Fort Myers, and specializes in joint replacement surgery, arthroscopy, sports injuries and orthopedic injuries caused by age, heredity and disease.

He is a graduate, with Honors, of Wayne State University, and earned his D.O. degree from Michigan State University. He completed surgical internship/orthopedic surgery residency at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital.

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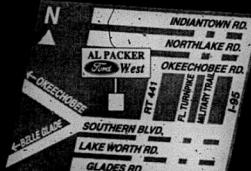
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PSYCHIATRIC NURSE: Diamond Healthcare Corporation, a national behavioral health management firm, is currently recruiting for a full-time, day shift, registered nurse to work at our new partial hospitalization program located at Hendry Regional Medical Center in Clewiston, FL. Primary responsibilities will include group therapy and case management. Qualified applicant will possess a valid RN license and extensive counseling experience. Interested professionals are encouraged to submit resume with salary requirements to: Sandra Tislevina, Program Director, Hendry Regional Medical Center, 500 West Sugarland Highway, Clewiston, FL 33440. FAX: 804-983-2979. 9/3

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2. Travel light. Unless you're asked to bring samples, leave your briefcase behind.

The most practical accessory is often an executive-style notebook with pockets to store your resume and other material. It's also a useful tool to hold on your lap and help you sit up straight and still.

3. Greet the interviewer in a friendly, business-like manner. Keep your smile upbeat and lively. Establish a contact, use a firm handshake.

4. Get on-the-spot feedback. If you get to ask questions, inquire where the interviewer is strongest in the position and any areas where you may want to focus attention. This could identify a concern or the part of the prospective employer that you should try to emphasize for future reference.

5. Ask if there will be additional interviews and when.

6. If the employer confirms you have many of the skills the company seeks, suggest another interview. If the interviewer hesitates, offer to call in a day or so—and do so.

7. Before leaving, summarize your understanding of what the employer needs and the corresponding qualifications you offer. Express your interest in the position and the organization.

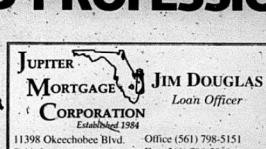
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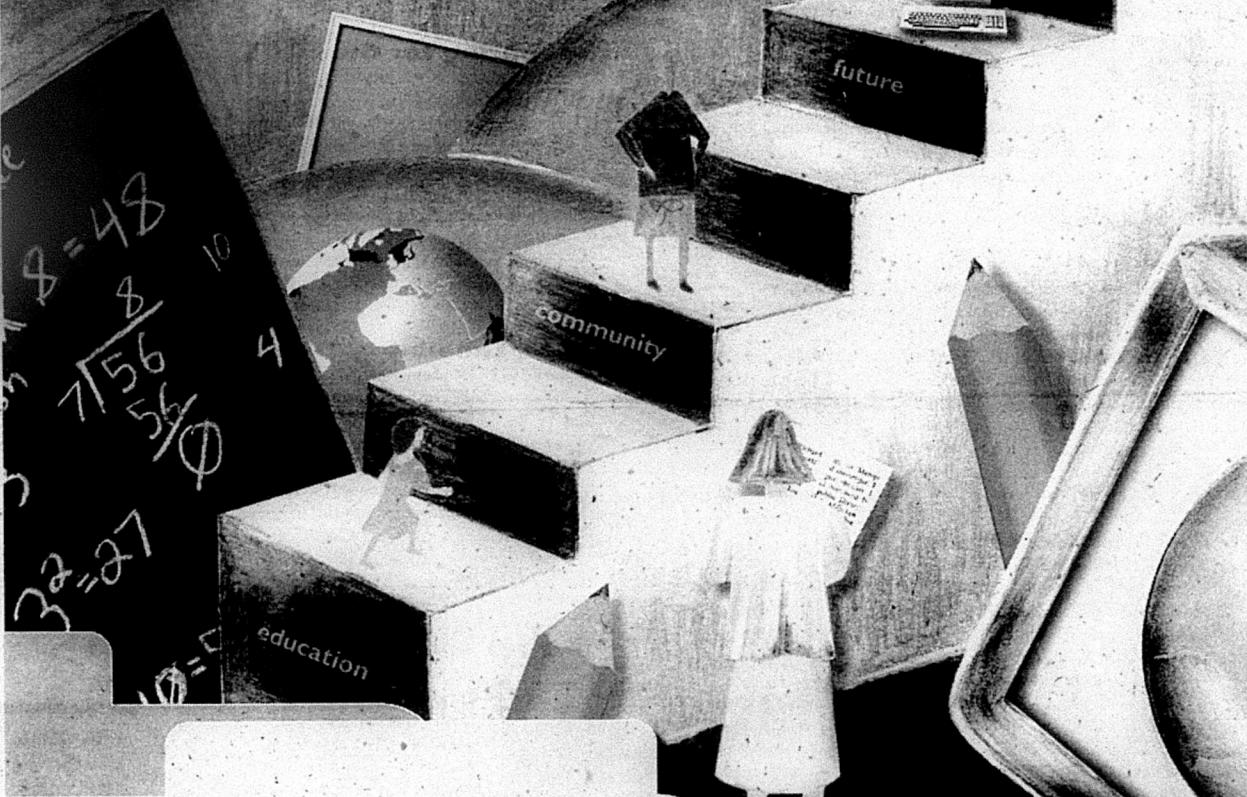


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Helping Your Child

As members of the newspaper industry and our communities, we take that responsibility very seriously. We believe that the newspaper is a valuable classroom resource that can be used by every teacher and parent to teach and reinforce the standards for any subject, at any grade level, helping students to reach and exceed the Sunshine State Standards.

These standards were developed to help raise the educational level of the public school system in order to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow. They are a collection of concepts that students are expected to comprehend and to be tested on as they progress through school.

Standards for each subject were developed in consultation with teachers, administrators and parents. The subject areas are: language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, the arts, health and physical education, and foreign language.

What a second grader should know about math is far different from what a high school senior should know. That is why standards for all subjects are broken down into four levels: pre-kindergarten through second grade, third grade through fifth grade, sixth grade through eighth grade, and ninth grade through twelfth grade.

To measure how well students are learning these standards, the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test, or FCAT, was developed. The test will be used to assess students and to measure how well schools reform, meet or exceed these standards. Schools that need assistance will be identified, targeted and improved.

The Florida Sunshine State Standards and the FCAT are designed to hold the entire community accountable for the citizens it produces.

The newspaper rises to the challenge of preparing our students by emphasizing reading and comprehension, two skills essential to successful test taking.

FCAT

Q: What is FCAT?

A: The Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) is a new test designed to measure benchmarks of the Florida Sunshine State Standards.

Q: Who has to take the FCAT?

A: All students must take the FCAT twice in elementary school (reading in Grade 4 and mathematics in Grade 5), once in middle school (Grade 8), and once in high school (Grade 10). Only a few students in certain special categories will be exempt; all other students must take the FCAT.

Q: What subjects are tested on the FCAT?

A: Reading and mathematics are tested on the FCAT.

Q: Is FCAT a difficult test?

A: FCAT contains questions that are challenging for all students.

Q: Why must students take the FCAT?

A: What students in Florida are expected to learn and be able to do has recently increased a great deal. The job market of today requires people to be proficient in advanced mathematics, and to be able to read and construct meaning from difficult and technical texts. The FCAT is being given in order to measure achievement of the high-level Sunshine State Standards being taught to and learned by Florida students.

Q: What kinds of questions will be on the FCAT?

A: Many of the test questions on FCAT will be like ones on other classroom or standardized tests. The FCAT will include questions called "performance tasks" which require thinking about an answer to a question and writing that answer. These tasks could ask for a short response such as an equation for a math problem, constructing a graph or writing a comparison of two passages.

Four Things to Know about the FCAT

The FCAT will be included in the School Performance Report used to identify critically low-performing schools as well as high-performing schools.

The FCAT will be used for promotion and graduation purposes. In the future, the FCAT will be the basis for promotion from elementary to middle school, middle to high school and finally, for graduation.

The FCAT is an important tool for teachers and parents. It will be used to identify students in need of remediation in reading and math, to obtain feedback on curriculum and teaching strategies, and to gauge student progress toward achieving the Sunshine State Standards.

The FCAT will become a high stakes test. It is currently planned that the FCAT will eventually replace the High School Competency Test and the common college placement test. In the future, the FCAT may be required for the College-Ready Diploma and the Bright Futures Scholarship.

Helping Our Teachers

Students are not the only ones being tested with the FCAT. Teachers have to prepare their students every day by integrating the Florida Sunshine State Standards into their lessons.

Here are just a few things you can do to help your child's teacher:

Be involved. Ask the teacher what you and your child can work on outside the classroom to reinforce what your child has been learning.

Read test results carefully. Talk to your child's teacher about the test results and their implications for your child's future education.

Offer your services. If you have a skill or talent that could be used in the classroom, let the teacher know you are willing to provide your services.

Be certain your child does homework assignments.

Be a classroom volunteer. Offer an hour or more of your time to the teacher to help in any way needed. It may be as simple as reading to the class for 30 minutes while the teacher works on lesson plans.

Talk to your child about the importance of education. Teach the importance of respecting their teacher.

Preparing for the FCAT

As with any type of test, preparation is the key. Help your child improve study skills and test-taking skills.

Here are a few things to help your child prepare for taking the FCAT:

In order to succeed on a critical-thinking test, work with your child to be a problem-solver.

Make sure your child is well-fed and rested on testing days.

Stress the importance of knowing how to get an answer and being able to explain it.

Lift up your child's spirits by reinforcing the confidence you have in them. You are a powerful person to your child and your words are revered.

FCAT Timeline

January 1998 Florida students in grades 4, 5, 8 and 10 took the FCAT to establish baseline data.

May 1998 Baseline FCAT results reported to school districts, schools and parents.

Fall 1998 FCAT achievement levels to be developed by establishing cut scores to reflect several levels of achievement. Cut scores to be calibrated to reflect expected student achievement on the High School Competency Test (HSCT).

October 1998 Preliminary FCAT achievement levels to be released to schools. FCAT will not be used for accountability purposes.

January 1999 FCAT to be administered to students in grades 4, 5, 8 and 10. Tenth grade students who achieve at higher levels may be granted waiver from the 11th grade HSCT requirement.

May 1999 FCAT results to be released incorporating FCAT achievement levels established in 1998. School accountability for student achievement to begin.

October 1999 School Performance Report to be issued. FCAT results to be included for school accountability purposes for first time. (Report will reflect both Norm-referenced test results and FCAT results).

January 2000 Second full-scale administration of FCAT. School Performance Report to be issued. Will include FCAT results for accountability purposes.



PK-2nd

Language Arts: Predict what a story is about based on its title and picture.

Math: Identify even and odd numbers using page numbers.

Science: Recognize patterns in weather by looking at the weather map in the newspaper each day.

Social Studies: Use datelines from stories and maps, determine the absolute and relative location of people, places and things.

The Arts: Use gestures and movements to communicate the meaning of a comic strip.

Health/Physical Education: Use the food section to select items to classify in Food Guide Pyramid.

Foreign Language: Restate and rephrase the class what happened in a comic strip.

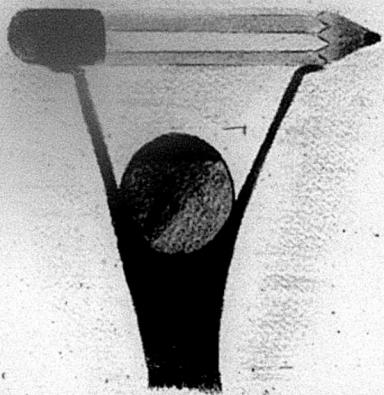
Become a Reader

Helping Your Child Become a Reader

Reading means more than recognizing the letter groups that make words. The demands of the world today make good reading and comprehension skills vital keys to success.

Here are a few things you can do, using the newspaper to encourage your child to read:

- Read aloud to your child every day and encourage reading aloud to you.
- Help your child keep a reading log. Record the authors and titles of books and articles. Leave space for comments from you and your child.
- Keep newspapers and magazines available. Whatever your child's interests - from bicycling to kayaking, stamp collecting to cooking - there are many special-interest publications that provide more information on a favorite activity.
- Have your child write his/her own story. Turn your child's writing into a homemade book.
- Encourage your child to write letters to the editor.
- Set the example by reading every day and making sure your child knows that you read for enjoyment and to get important information.



9th-12th

Language Arts: Read a news story, then draft, revise, and produce a final document as a letter to the editor.

Math: Use graphs, tables, and charts to analyze relationships, patterns, and functions.

Science: Read articles on population growth, environment, and resource depletion to understand the ways in which humans today are placing their environmental support system at risk.

Social Studies: Find examples of current ideas and beliefs that will help shape the process of making history.

The Arts: Read a music review and be able to contradict or back up the critic's opinion.

Health/Physical Education: Understand the value of sports and physical activity in understanding different cultures by reading articles on local, national and international sports and athletes.

Foreign Language: Be able to take a news story and rewrite it in another language.

6th-8th

Language Arts: Use news stories to identify language that shapes reactions, perceptions and beliefs.

Math: Understand the effects of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division on whole numbers, fractions, and decimals, including the inverse relationships of positive and negative numbers by calculating statistics and scores from the sports page.

Science: Track weather daily and know how conditions that exist in one system influence the conditions that exist in other systems.

Social Studies: Utilize the stock market index to follow the various kinds of specialized institutions that exist in the market and how they change according to the economy.

The Arts: Follow the local and national theatre scene and learn about playwrights, performers, directors and producers and their contributions to theatre.

Health/Physical Education: Use the newspaper to identify behaviors that can result in emotional and social health risks.

Foreign Language: Find various expressive forms of a culture such as popular music, dance and art, then write a review on their influence in the community.

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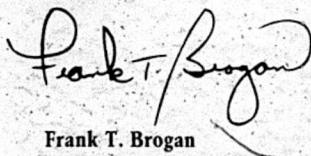
A new school year means renewed opportunities for success and challenges for all of our students. This is an immense task, requiring total commitment from teachers, parents and business partners. I have asked Florida's newspapers for help and they have rallied to the call. This newspaper insert contains information about "raising the bar." The Sunshine State Standards are guidelines and benchmarks of learning, indicating what students should know and be able to do at various levels in school. The Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) is a measurement of how well students achieve the standards. These challenging new standards and assessments require one common, vital skill: READING!

One of the most important services you can provide is to help a youngster READ! As a newspaper reader yourself, you know the value of reading and understanding critical issues that affect our lives. Your local newspaper can become a real-life textbook in your home. Here are some ways you can help your child become a better reader:

- Discuss news photos, use the sports pages and ask "who, what, when, where" and "why" questions.
- Talk about heroes in everyday life. Compare real-life heroes with those in the media.
- Watch a television newscast with a youngster, then read a news article on the same topic. Make a list of the facts from TV and compare them with newspaper facts.
- Ask a youngster to re-tell a newspaper story in his/her own words.
- Select a controversial topic and ask your child to explain his/her point of view.
- Be prepared to say, "I don't know. Let's find out." Write letters to the editor.
- Make a scrapbook of favorite stories, pictures or comics.
- Set the example. If you are a reader, chances are you will nurture a family of readers.

With our combined efforts, we can help future Florida citizens become leaders in the 21st century. Thank you for accepting the challenge, and best wishes for a successful school year.

Sincerely,



Frank T. Brogan
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